

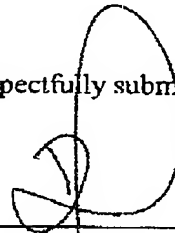
II. Remarks

Applicant has added to the claim listing the text of withdrawn claims 20-31 and 35-37. Claims 1-13, 17-19, 38 and 39 currently stand in the present application.

It is believed that the above remarks and amendments submitted herein have placed this present application in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is requested.

If the Examiner has further concerns, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at 416-862-5775. All correspondence should continue to be directed to listed address shown below.

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